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## **The Changing Face of Houston and America:**

**Tracking Responses to the Economic and Demographic Transformations through 34 Years of Houston Surveys**

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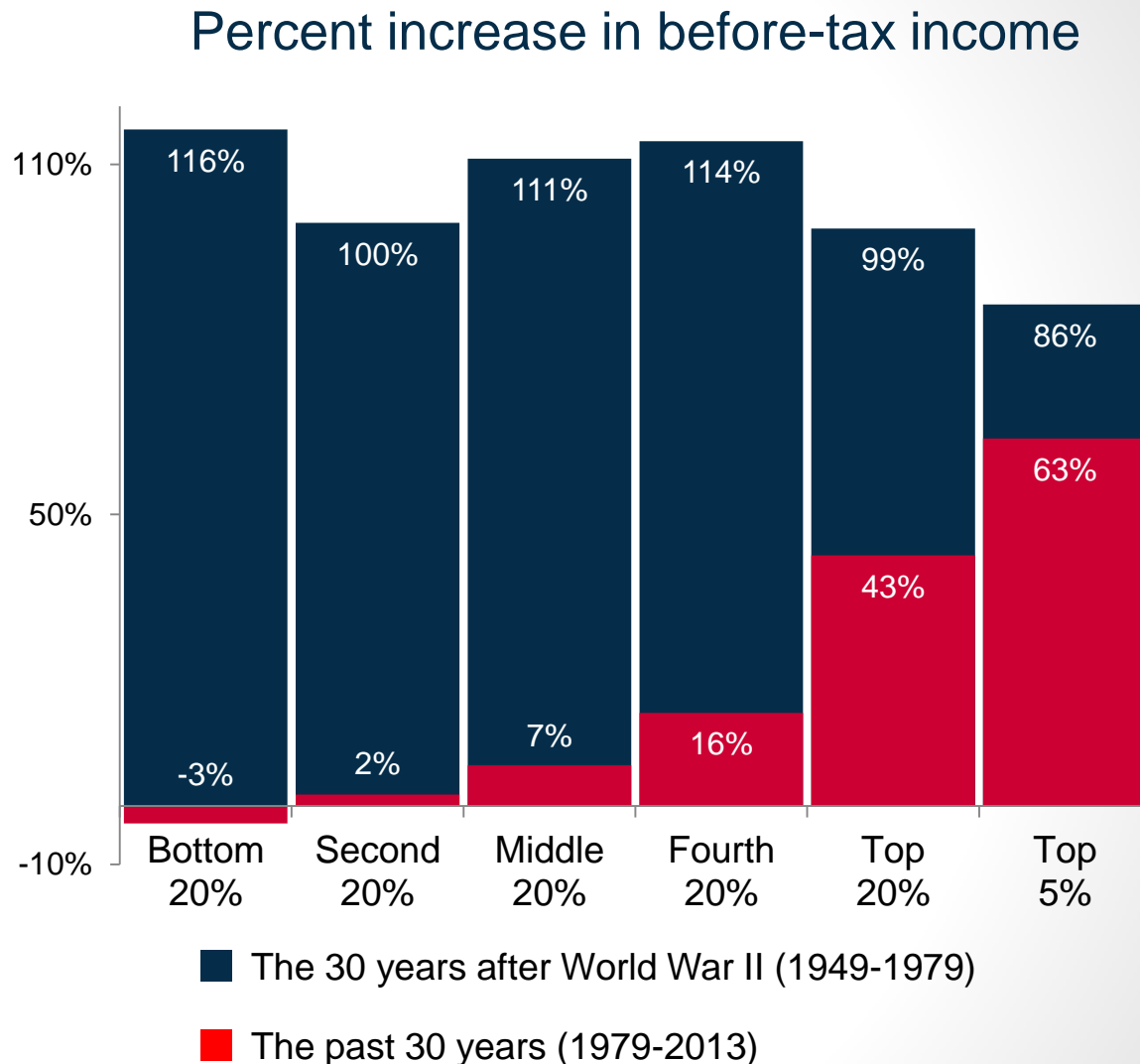
# The Kinder Houston Area Survey (1982-2015)

Thirty-four years of systematic interviews with representative samples of Harris County residents, focused on three central issues:

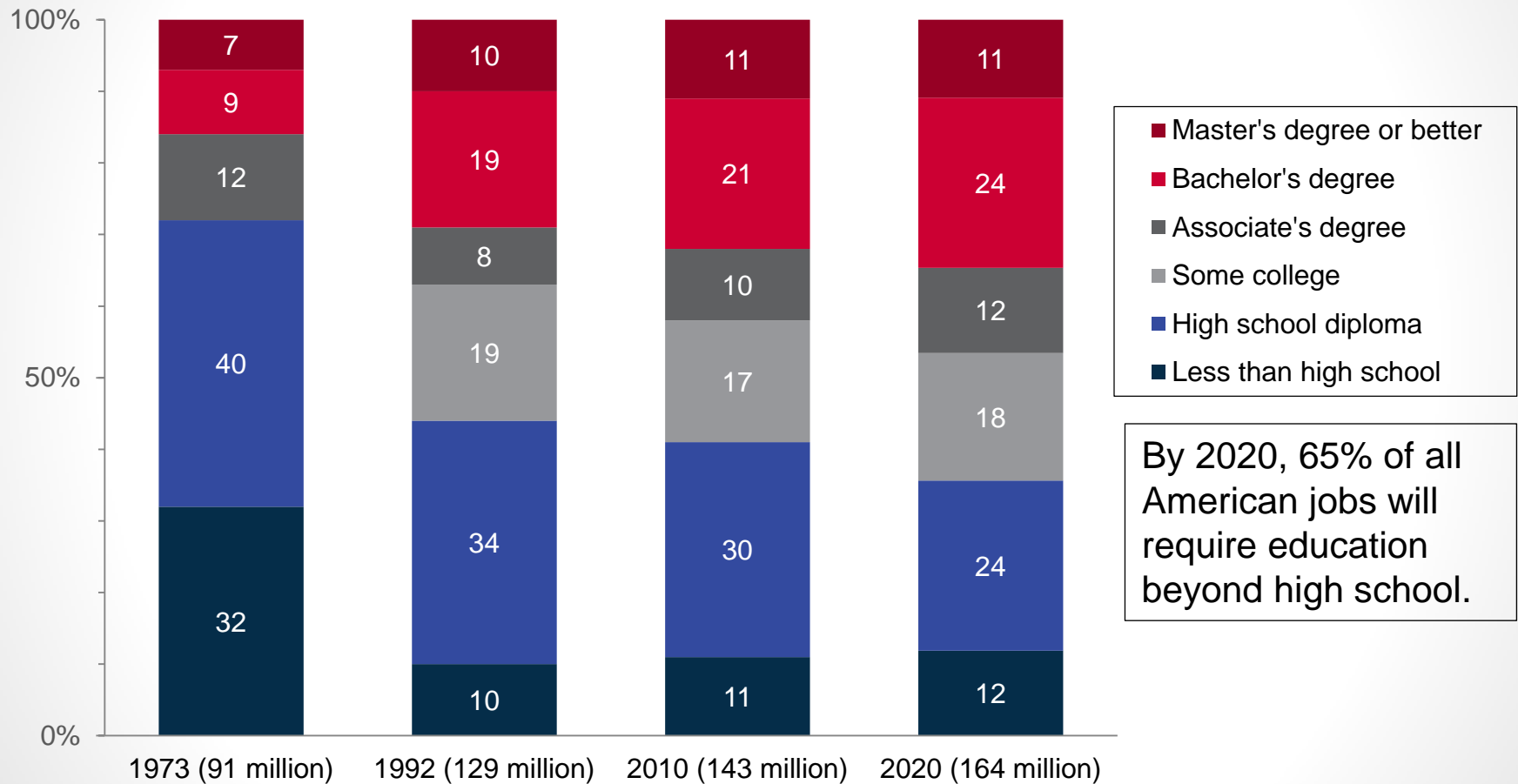
# Two contrasting economic eras

The 30 years after World War II were a period of broad-based prosperity.

The past 30 years have been marked by growing concentrations of wealth.



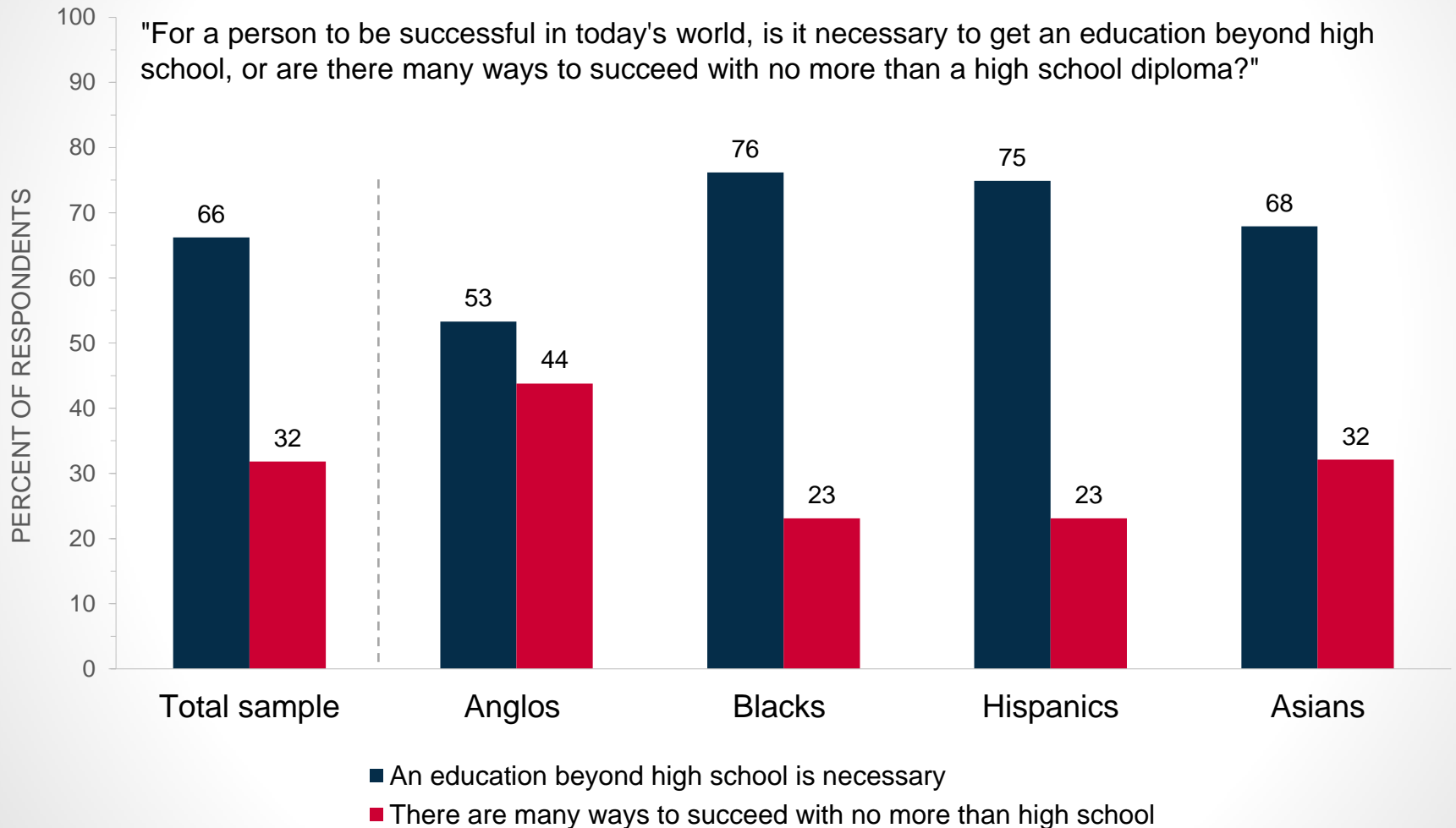
# The education requirements for jobs in America (1970-2010)



By 2020, 65% of all American jobs will require education beyond high school.

Year and Number of Available Jobs

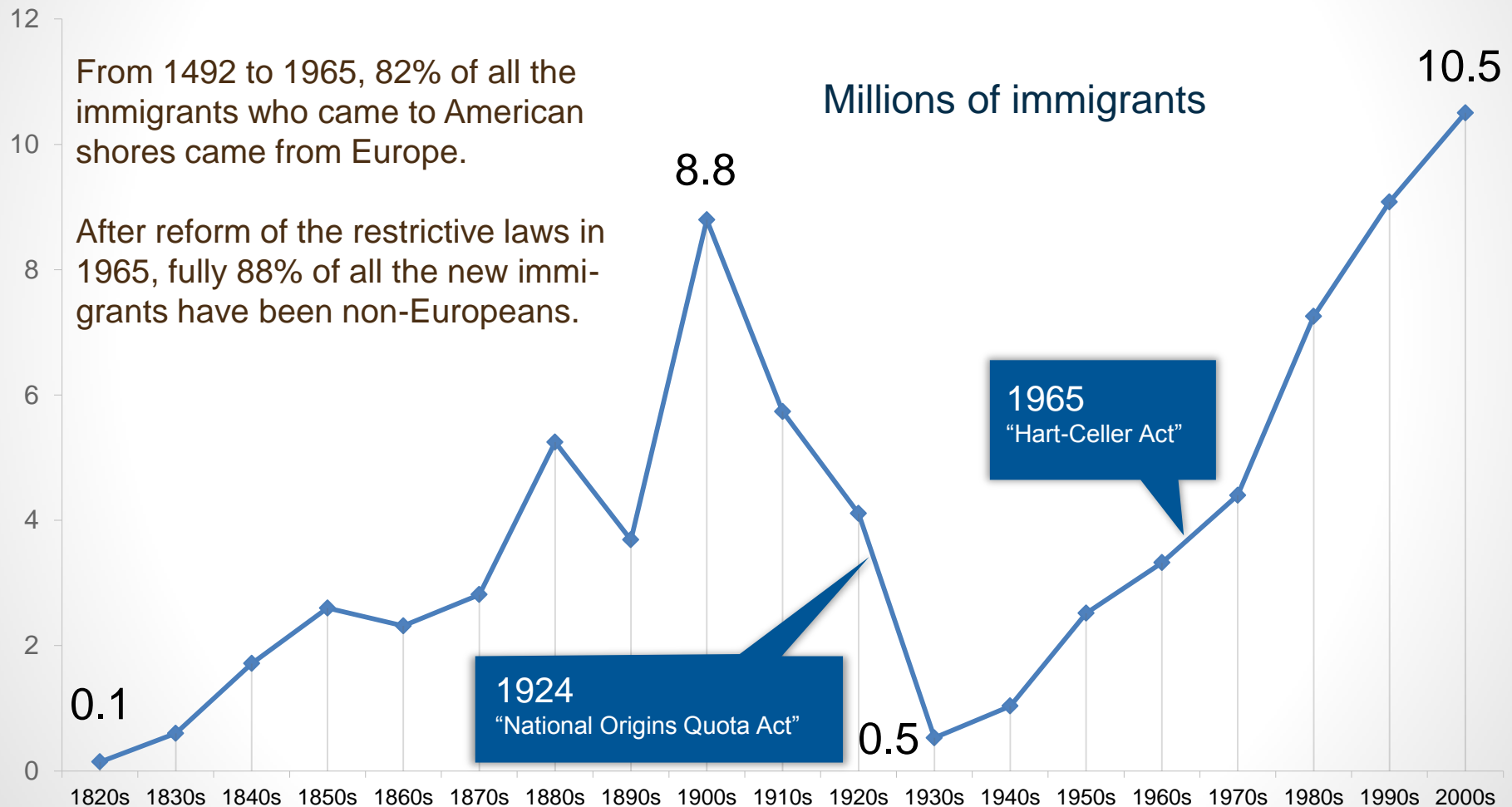
# The perceived importance of education beyond high school (2015)



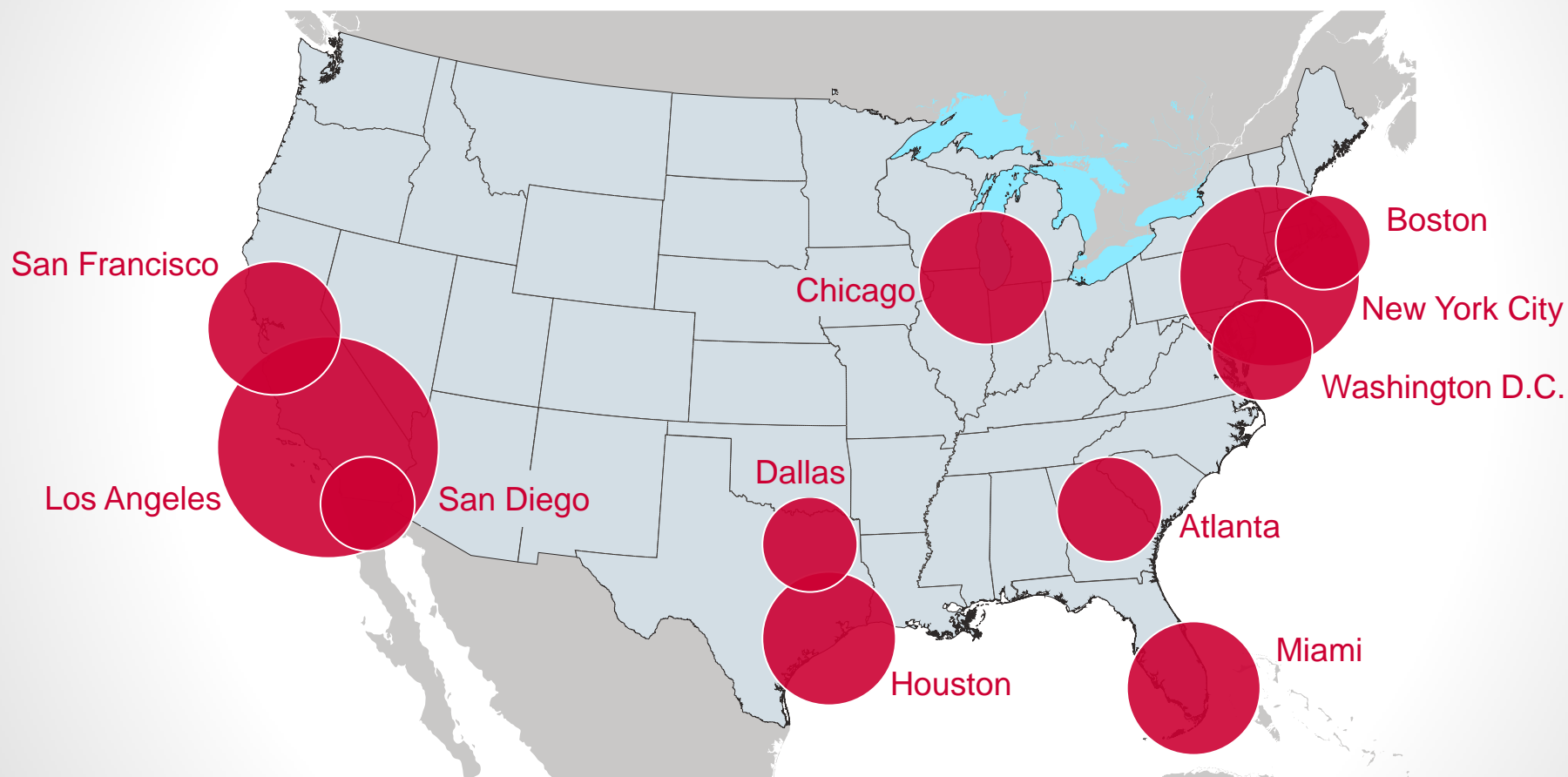




# The number of documented U.S. immigrants, by decade (1820-2010)



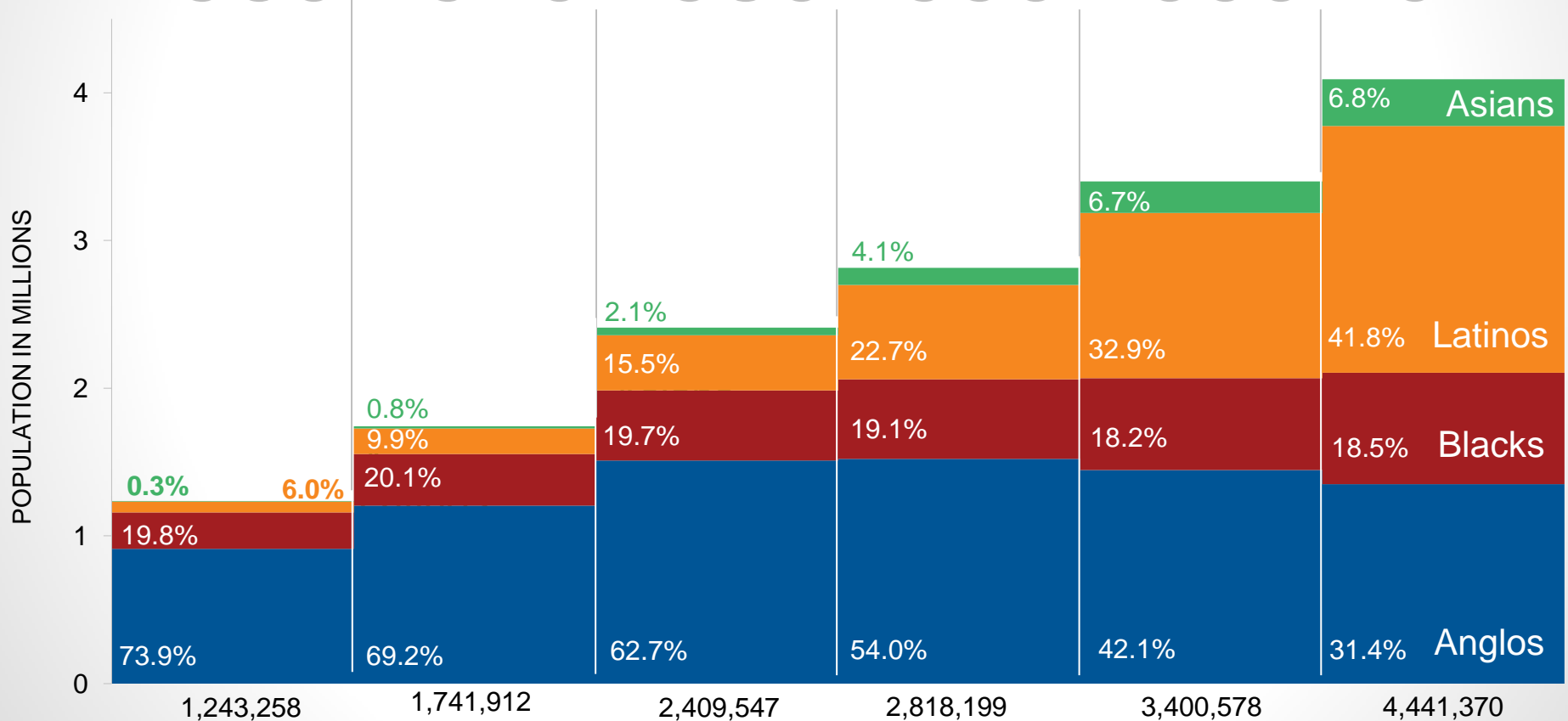
# Major U.S. immigrant cities (2010)





# The demographic transformations of Harris County (1960-2014)

1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 2014



Source: U.S. Census. Classifications based on Texas State Data Center Conventions. 2014 data from 2010 Census Population Estimates for July 1, 2014 © Dr. Stephen L. Klineberg and the Kinder Institute for Urban Research

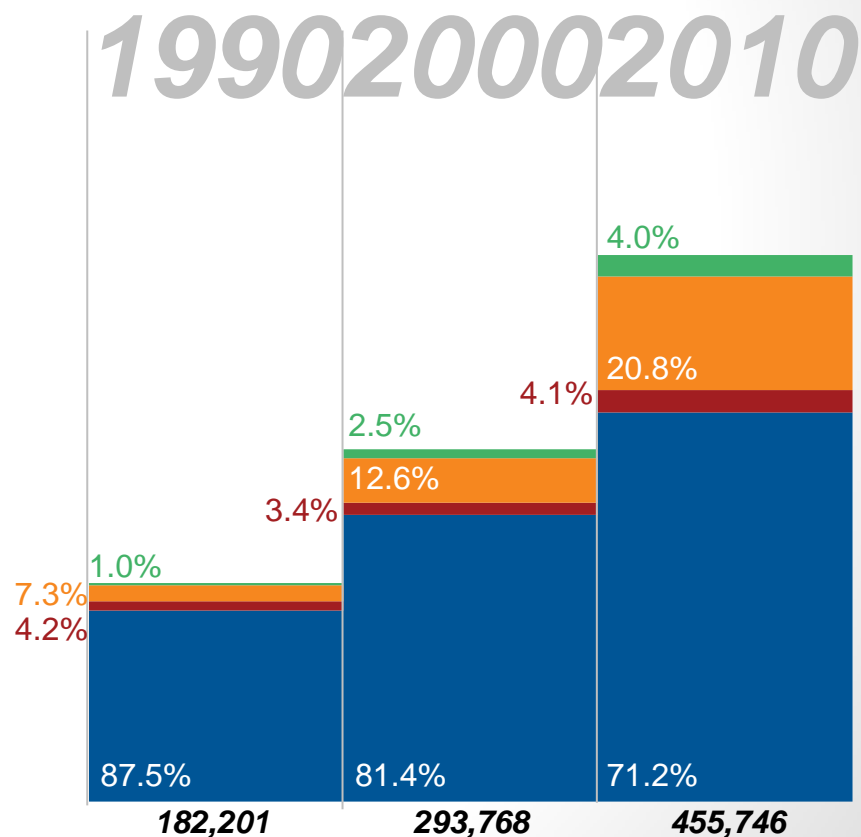
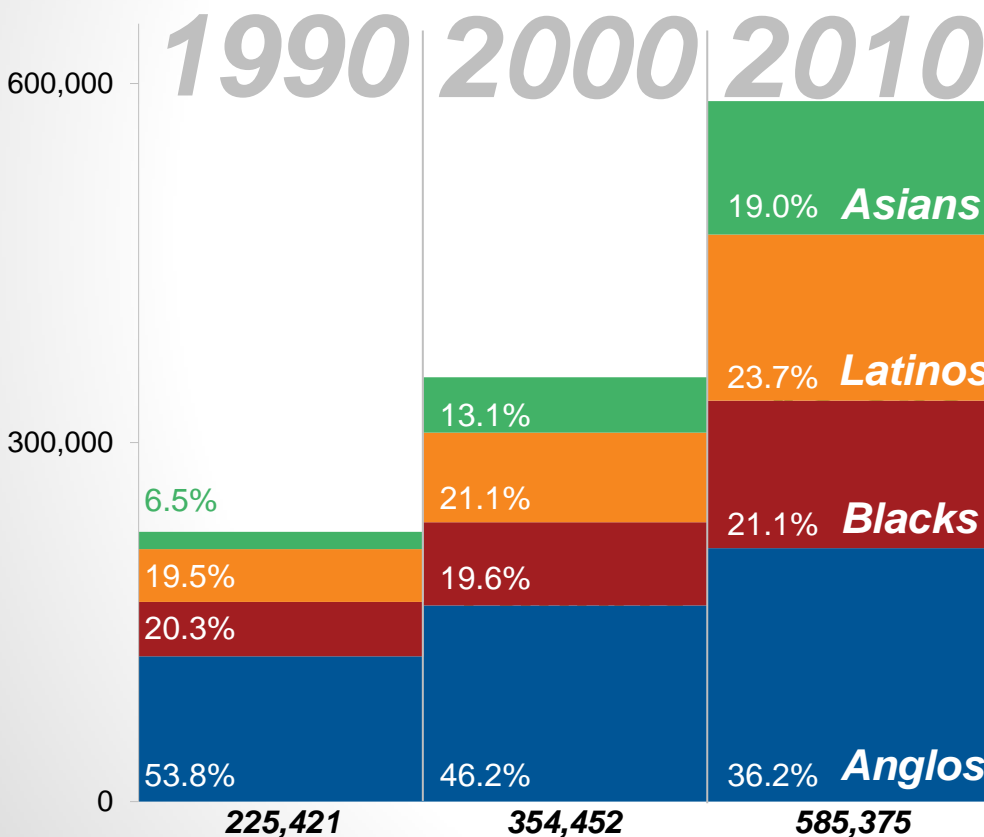


The Demographic Revolution

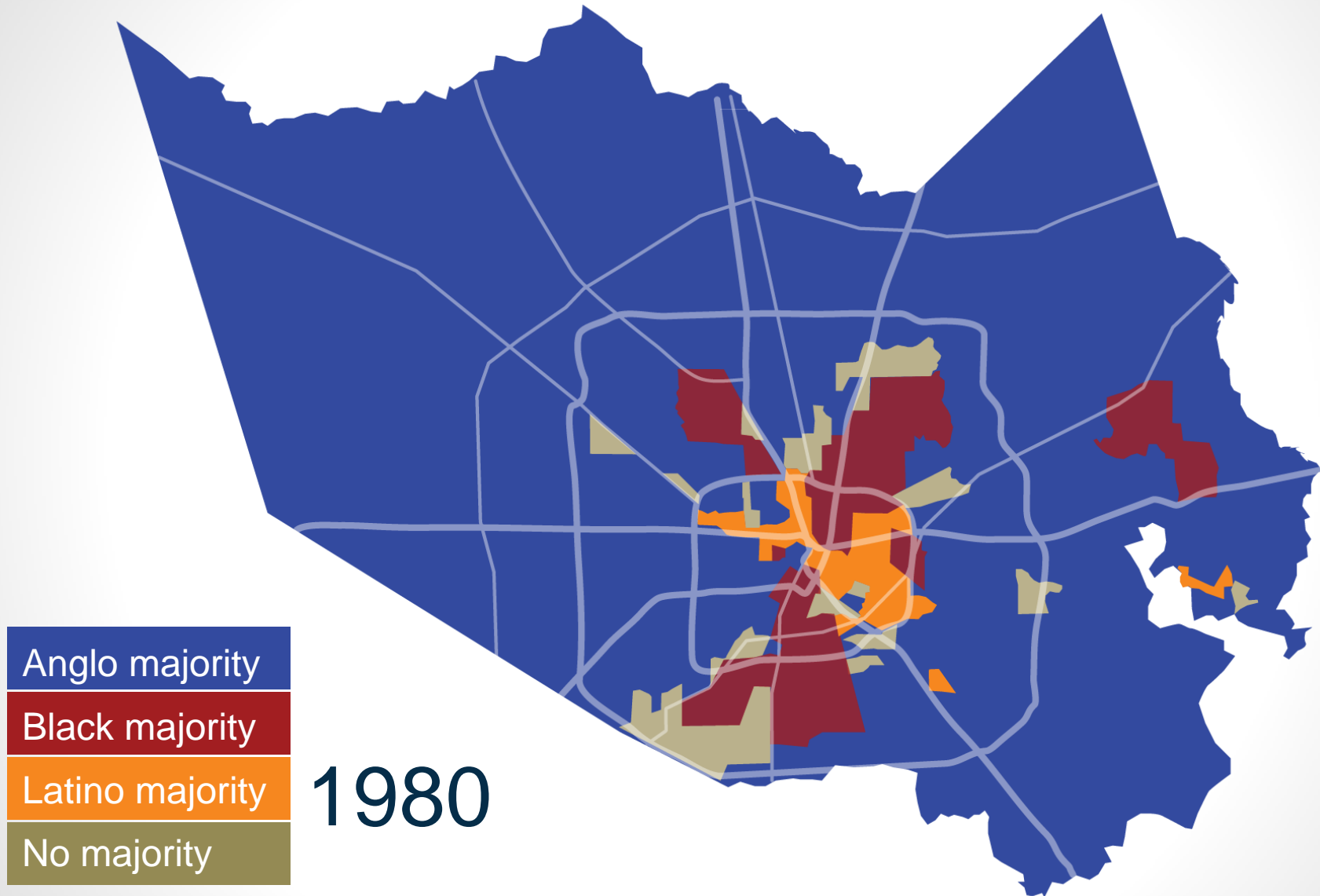
# The demographic changes in Fort Bend County and Montgomery County (1990-2010)

**Fort Bend County**

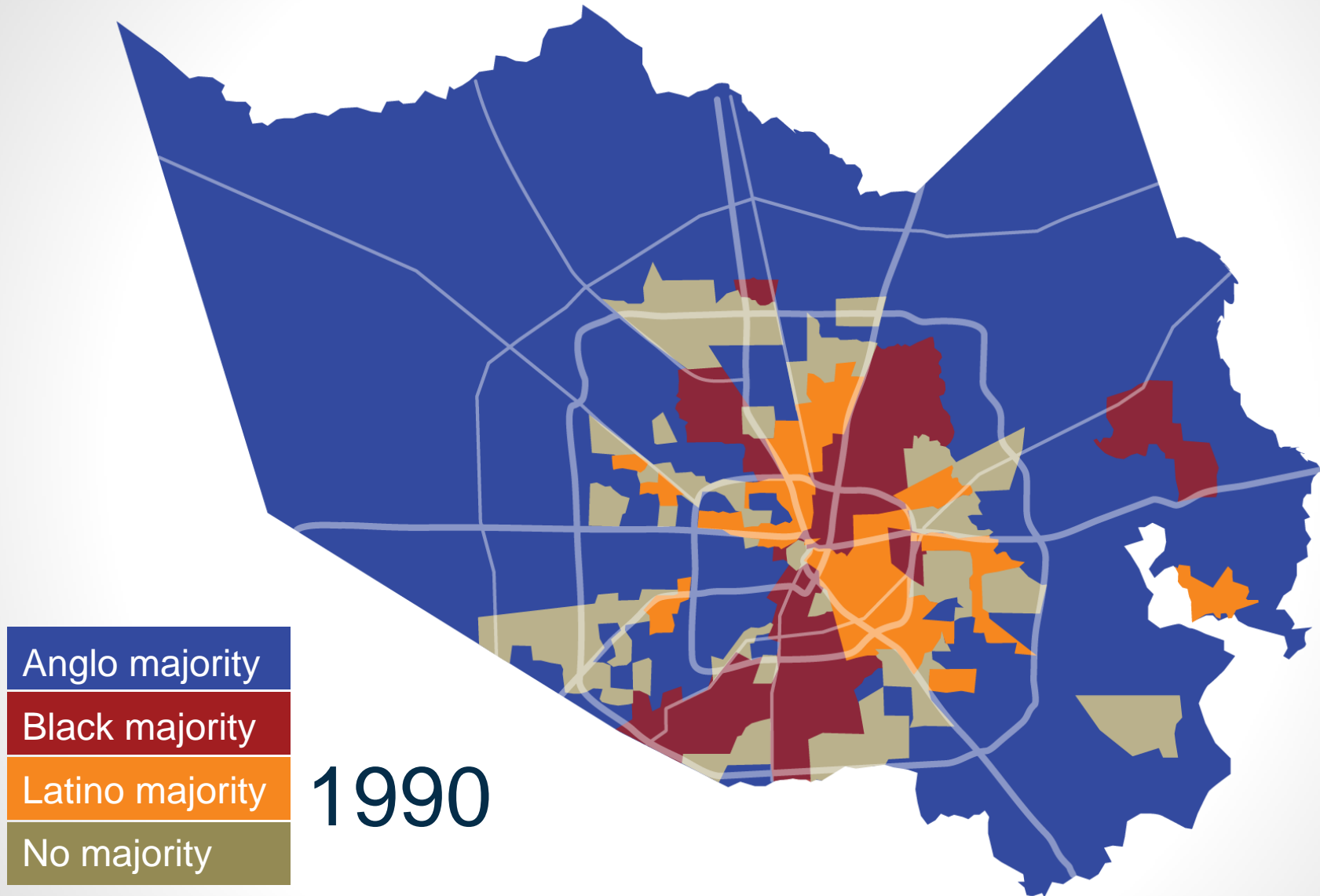
**Montgomery County**



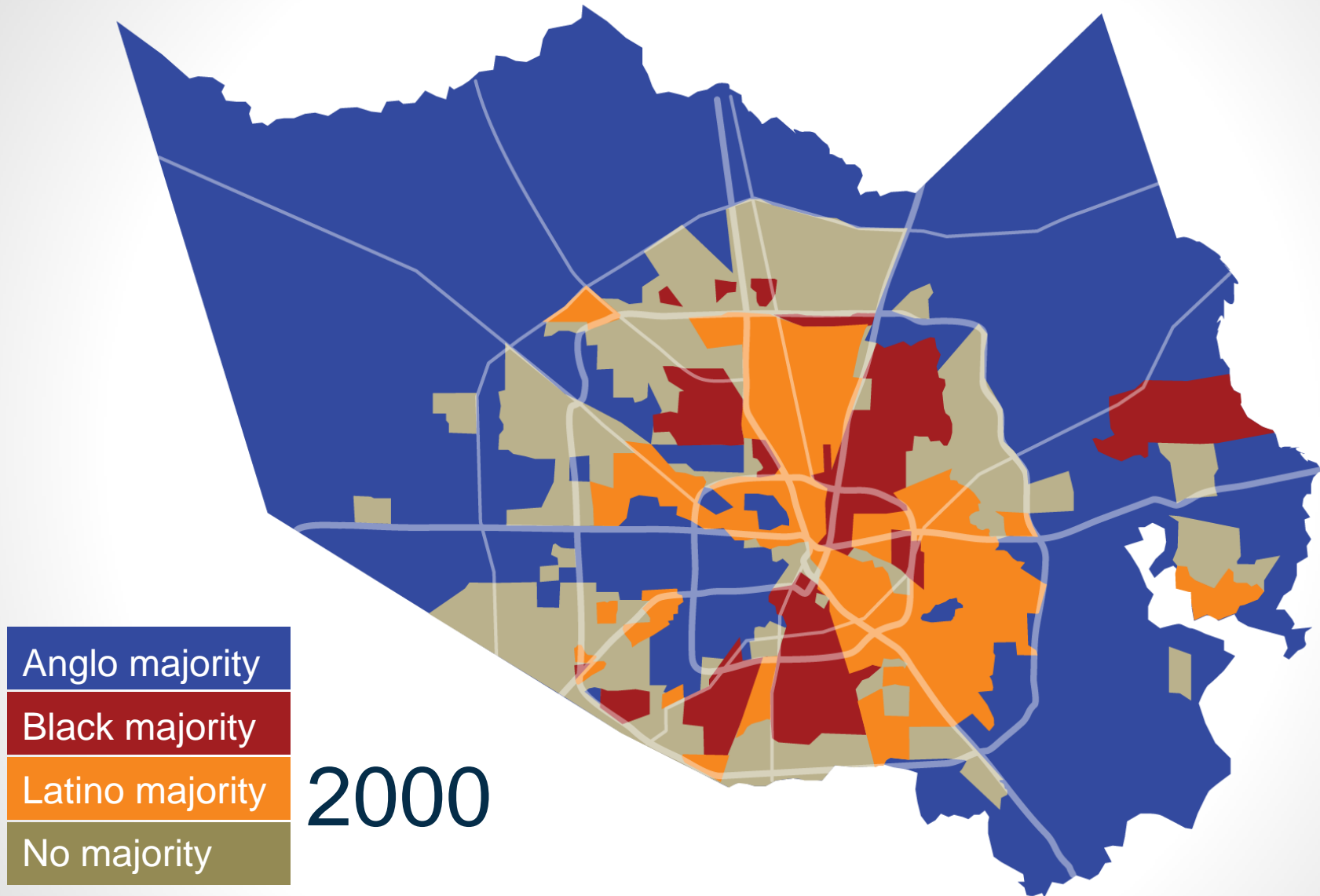
# Harris County total population



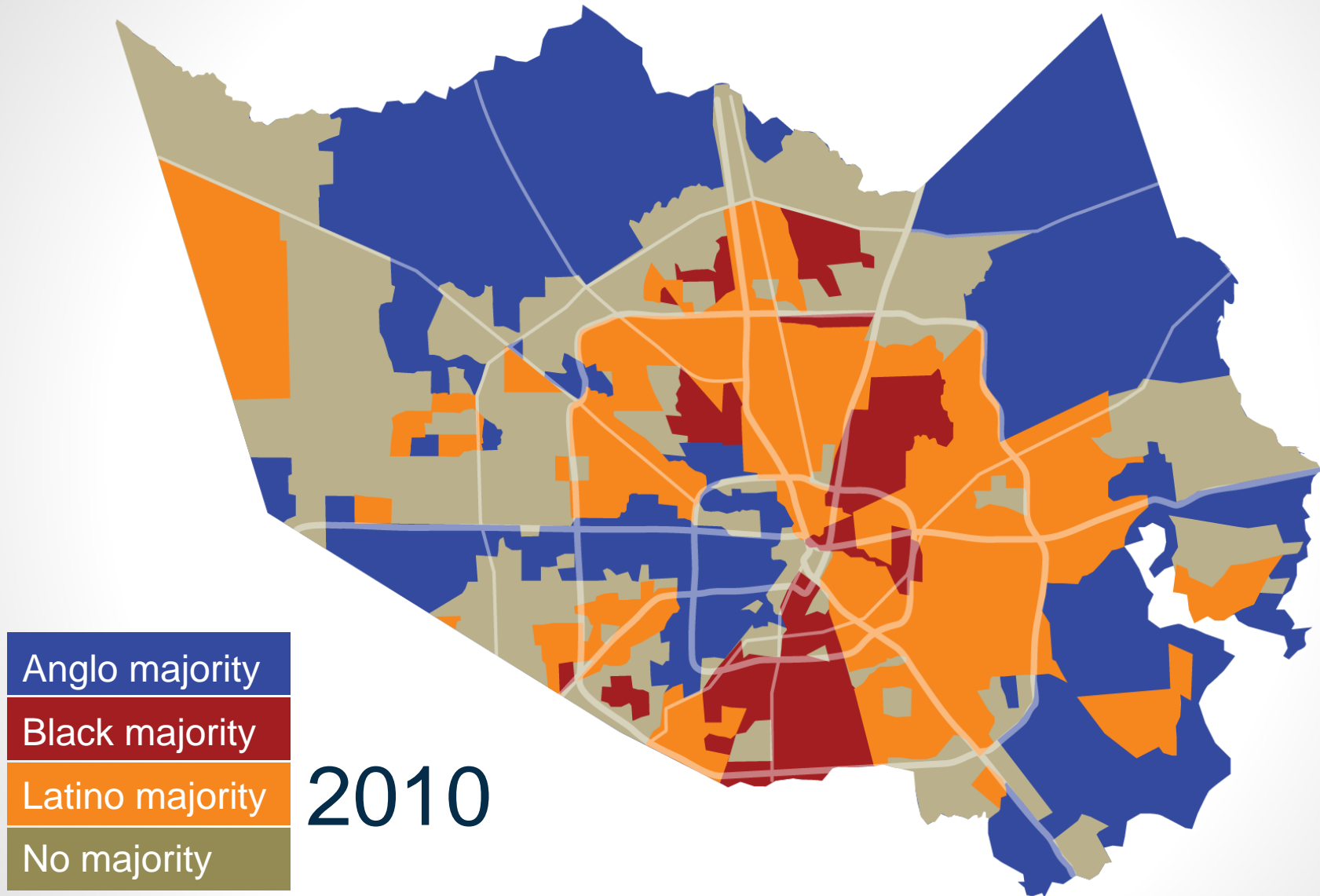
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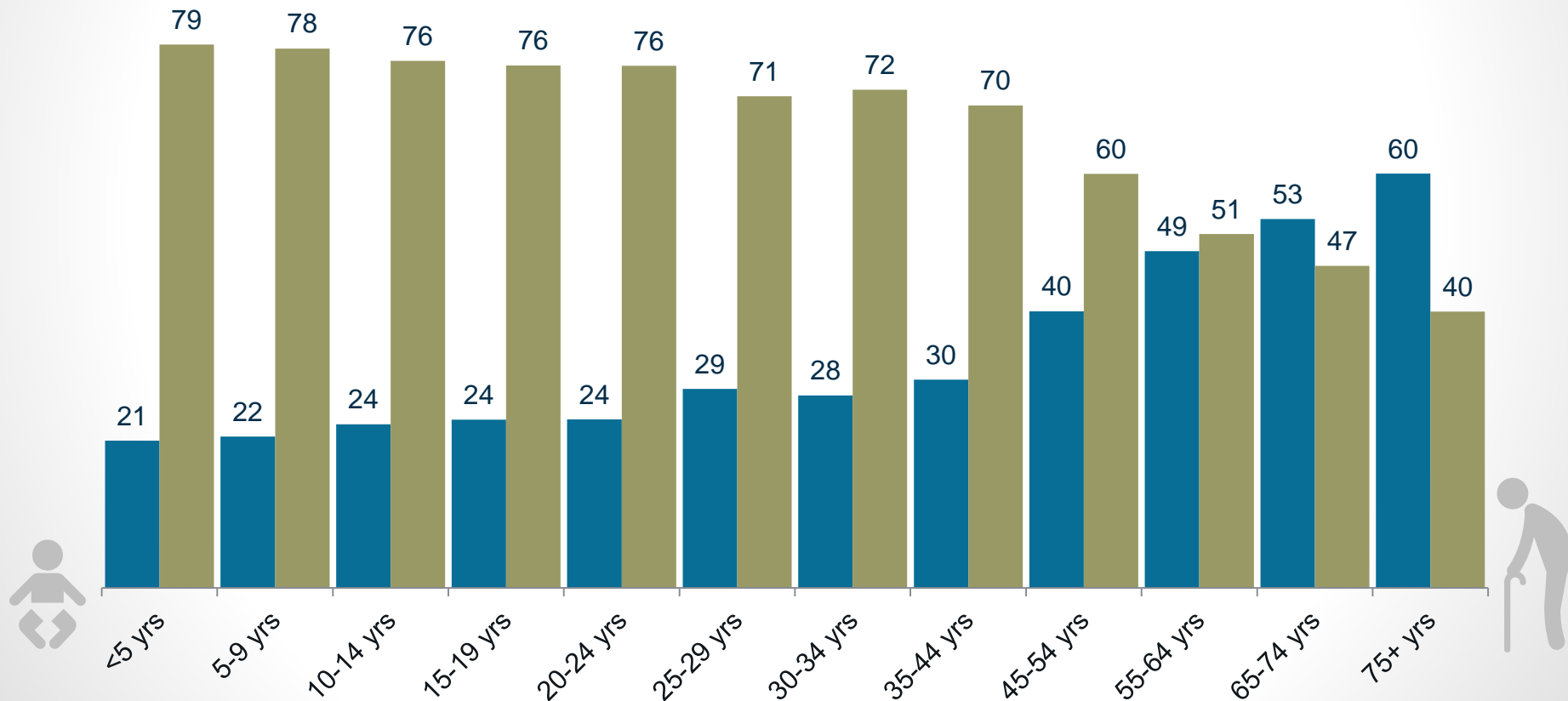
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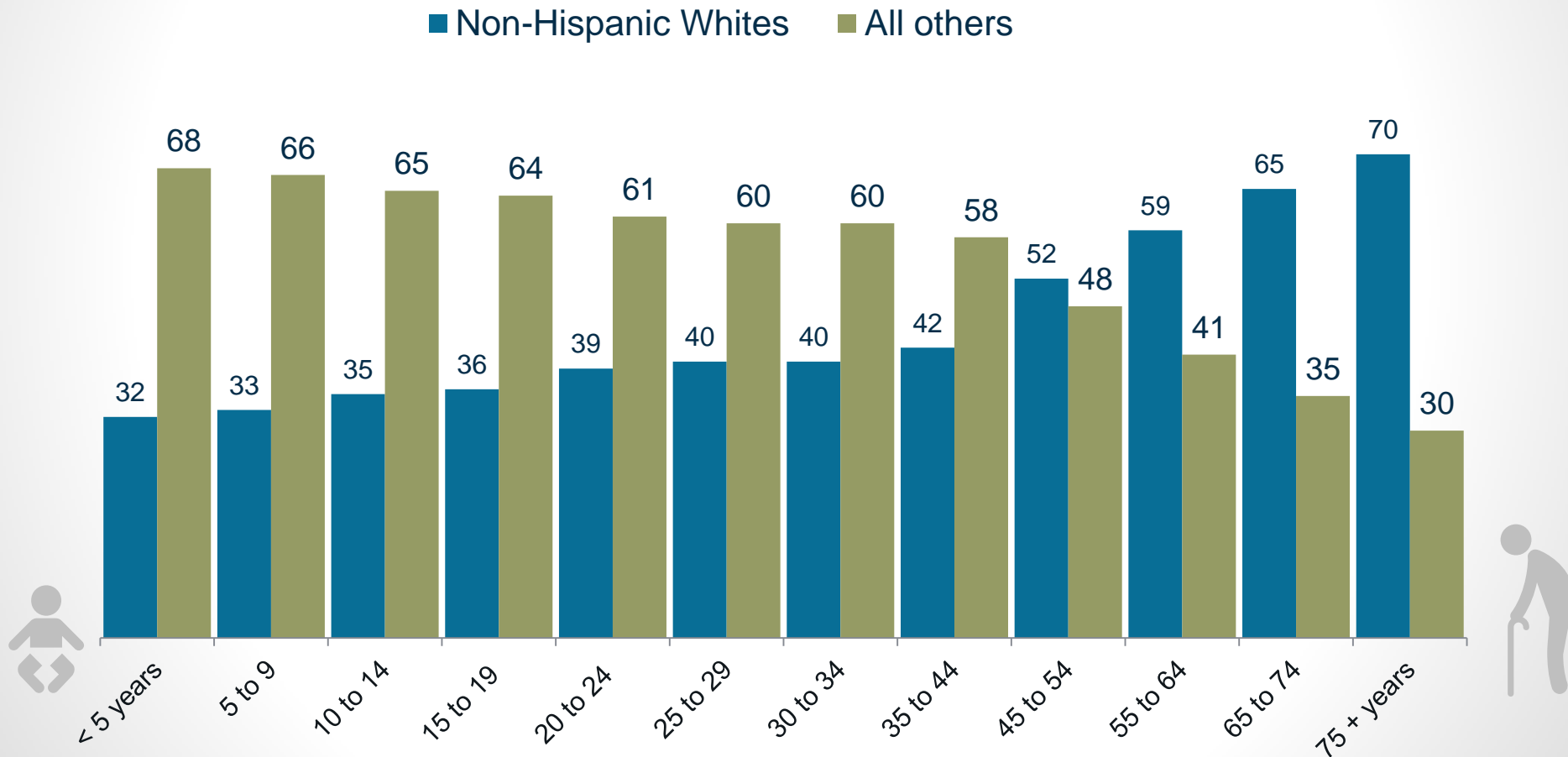


# Percent of the population by age group and ethnicity in Harris County (2013)

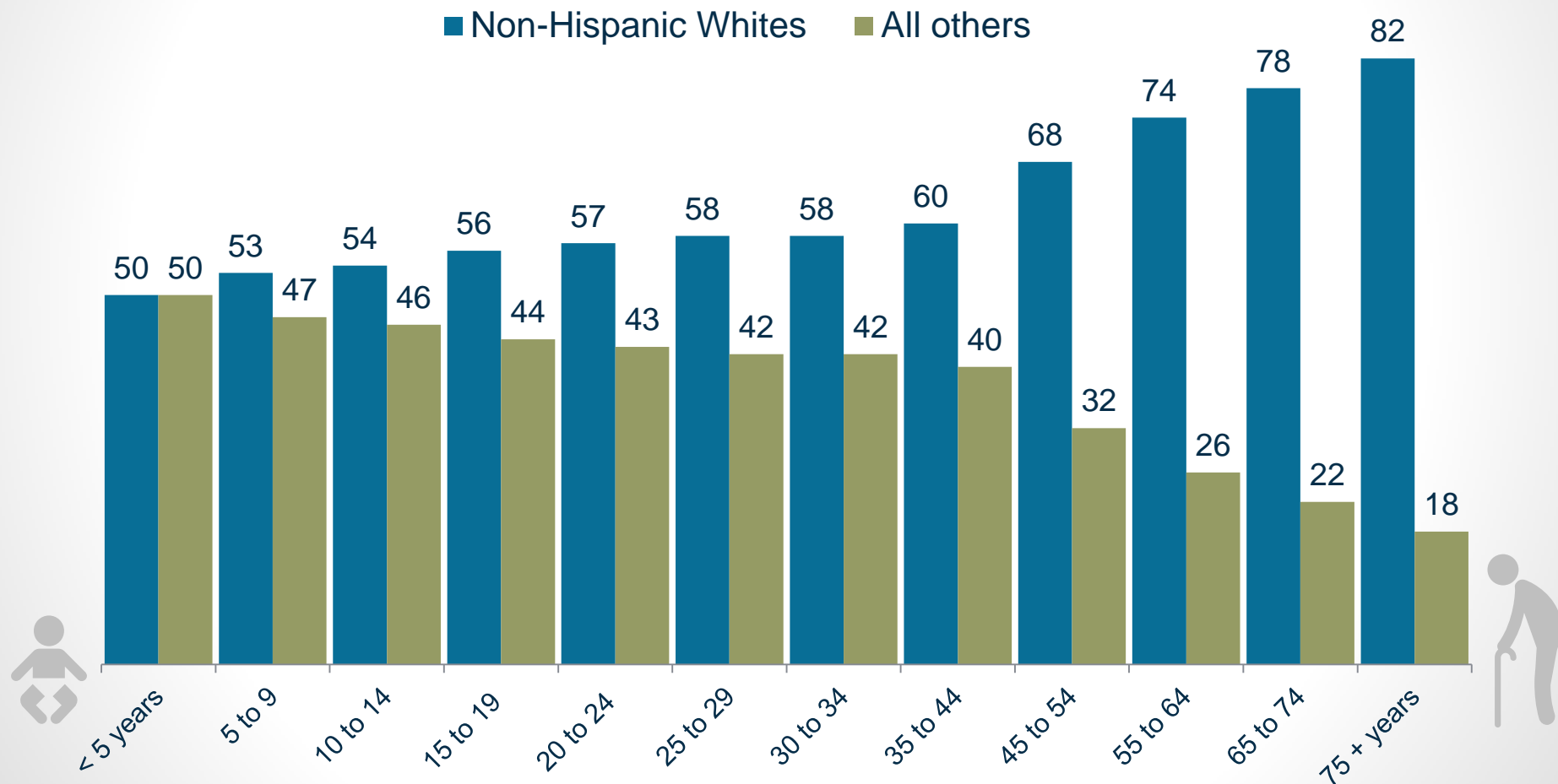
■ Non-Hispanic Whites ■ All Others



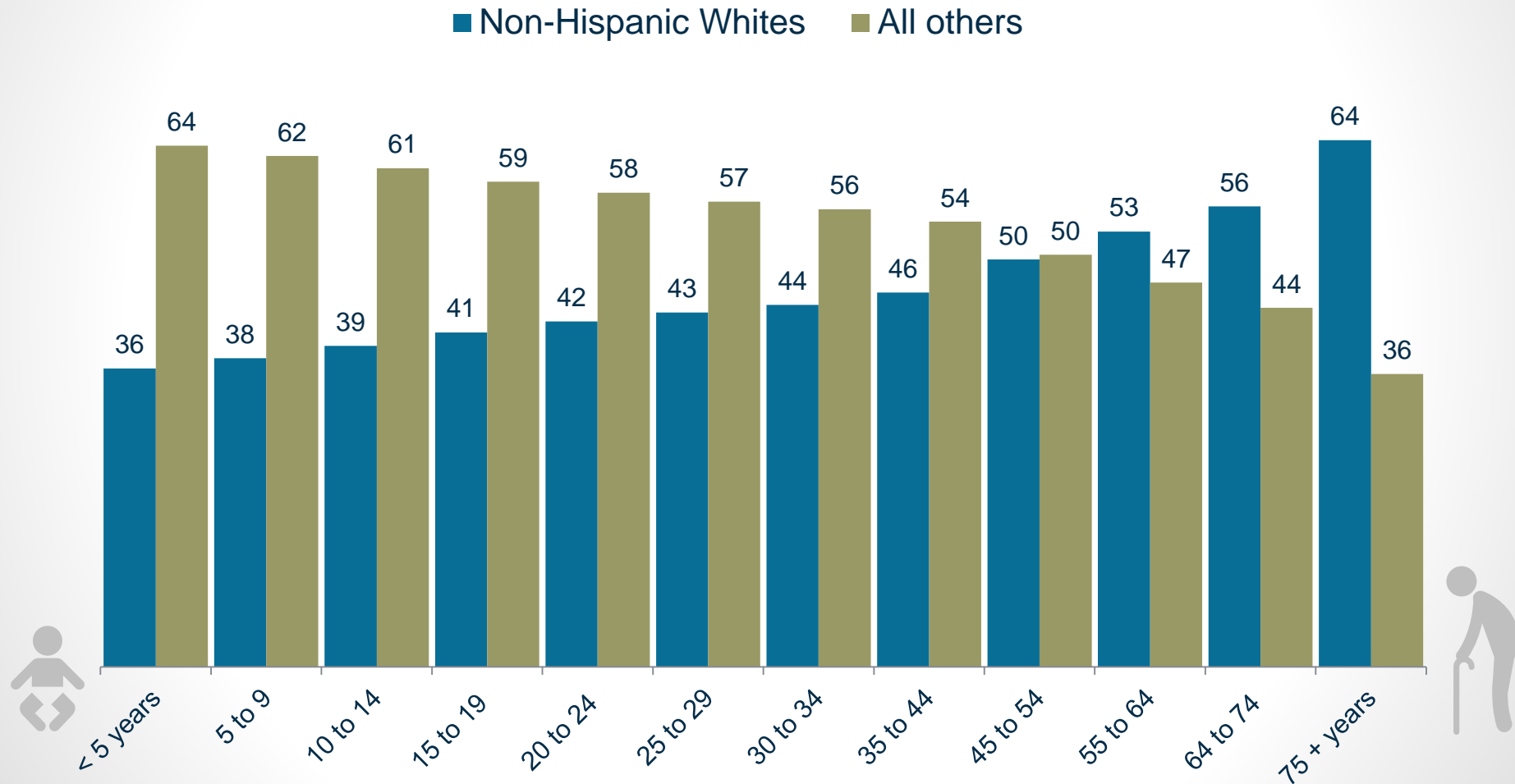
# Percent of the population by age group and ethnicity in Texas (2013)



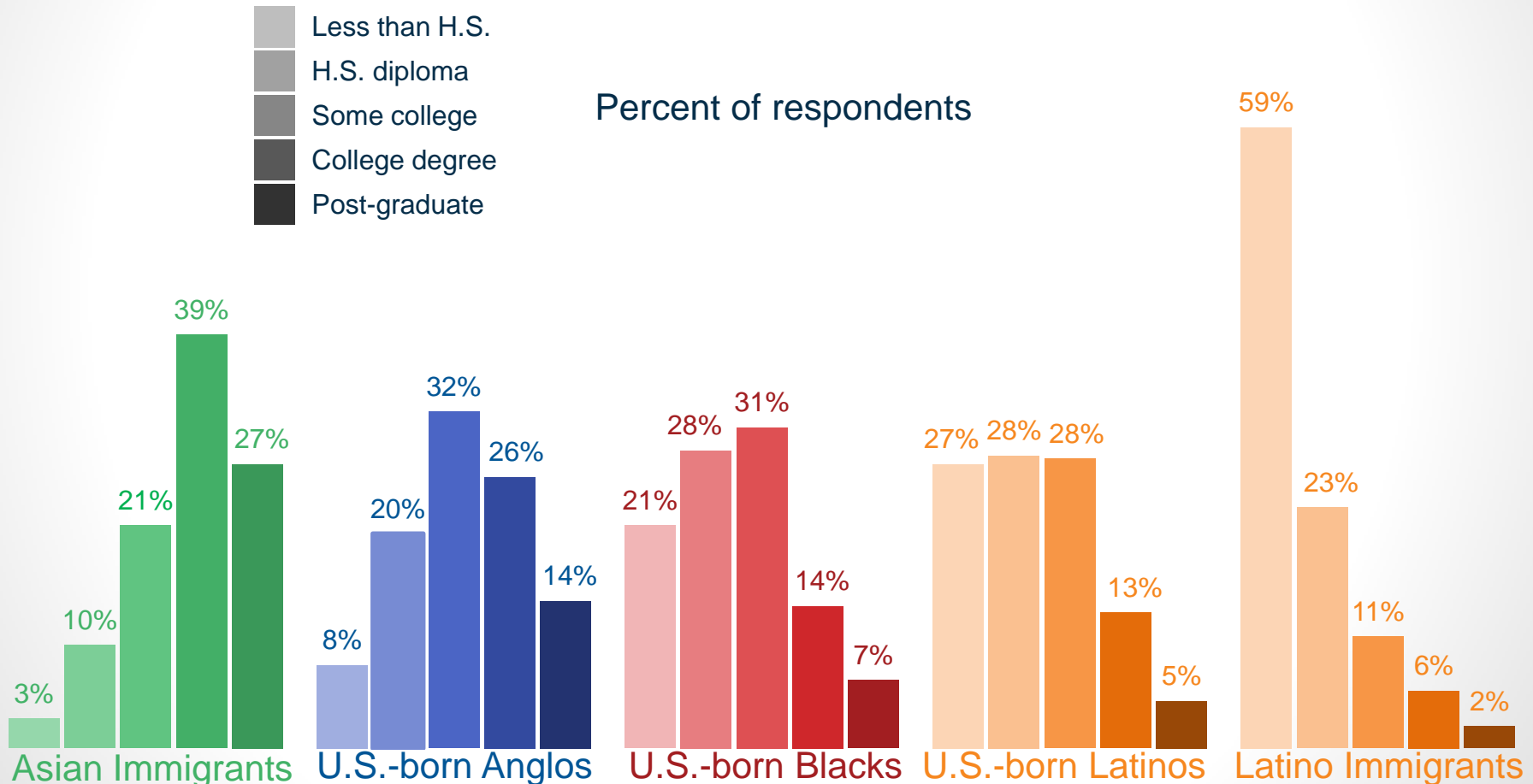
# Percent of the population by age group and ethnicity in the United States (2013)



# Percent of the population by age group and ethnicity in the United States in 2050

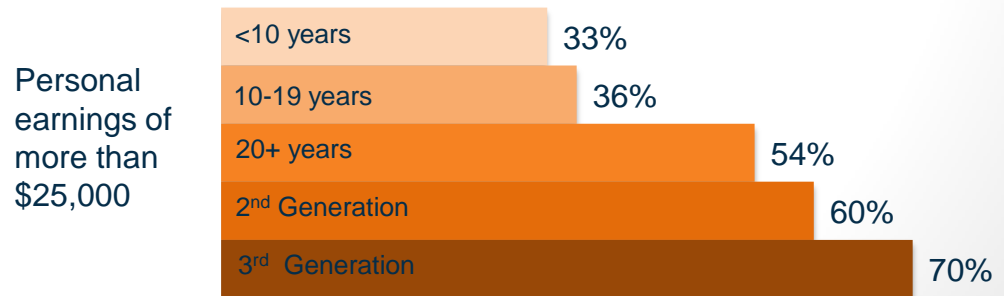
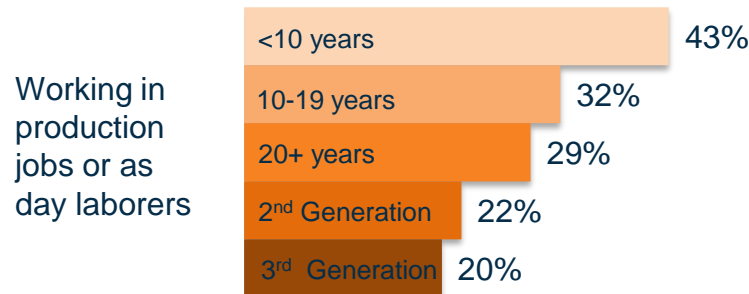
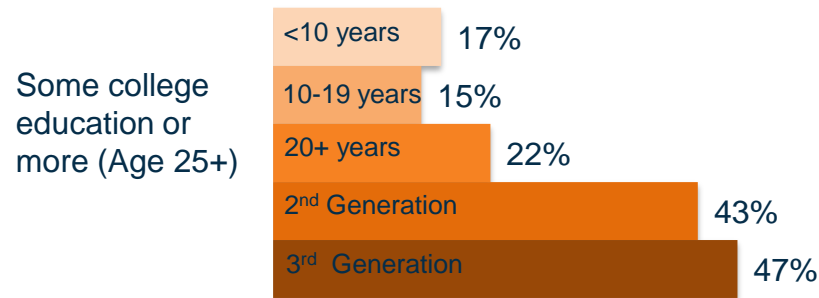


# Educational attainment by ethnicity, age 25 and older (2004-2014 combined)



# Socioeconomic status among Latinos by time in the U.S. and by generation (2005-2014)

## *Percent of Latinos by time in the U.S.*

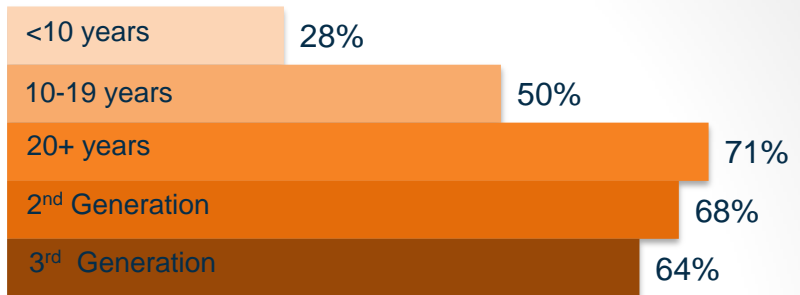




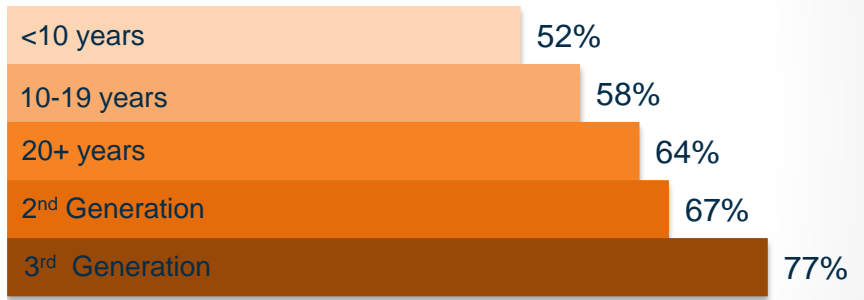
## *Percent of Latinos by time in the U.S.*

# Correlates of SES among Latinos by time in the U.S. and by generation (2005-2014)

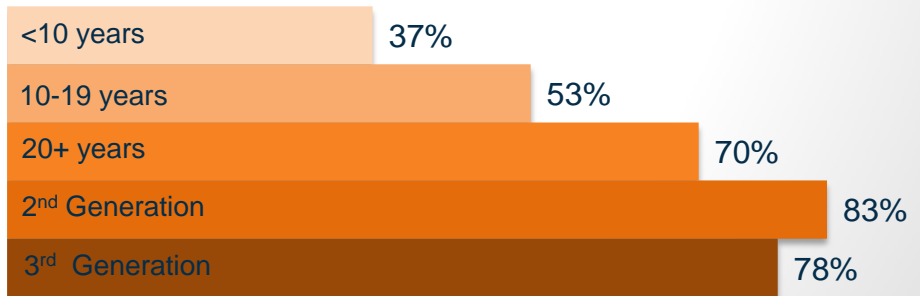
### Owens the place where lives



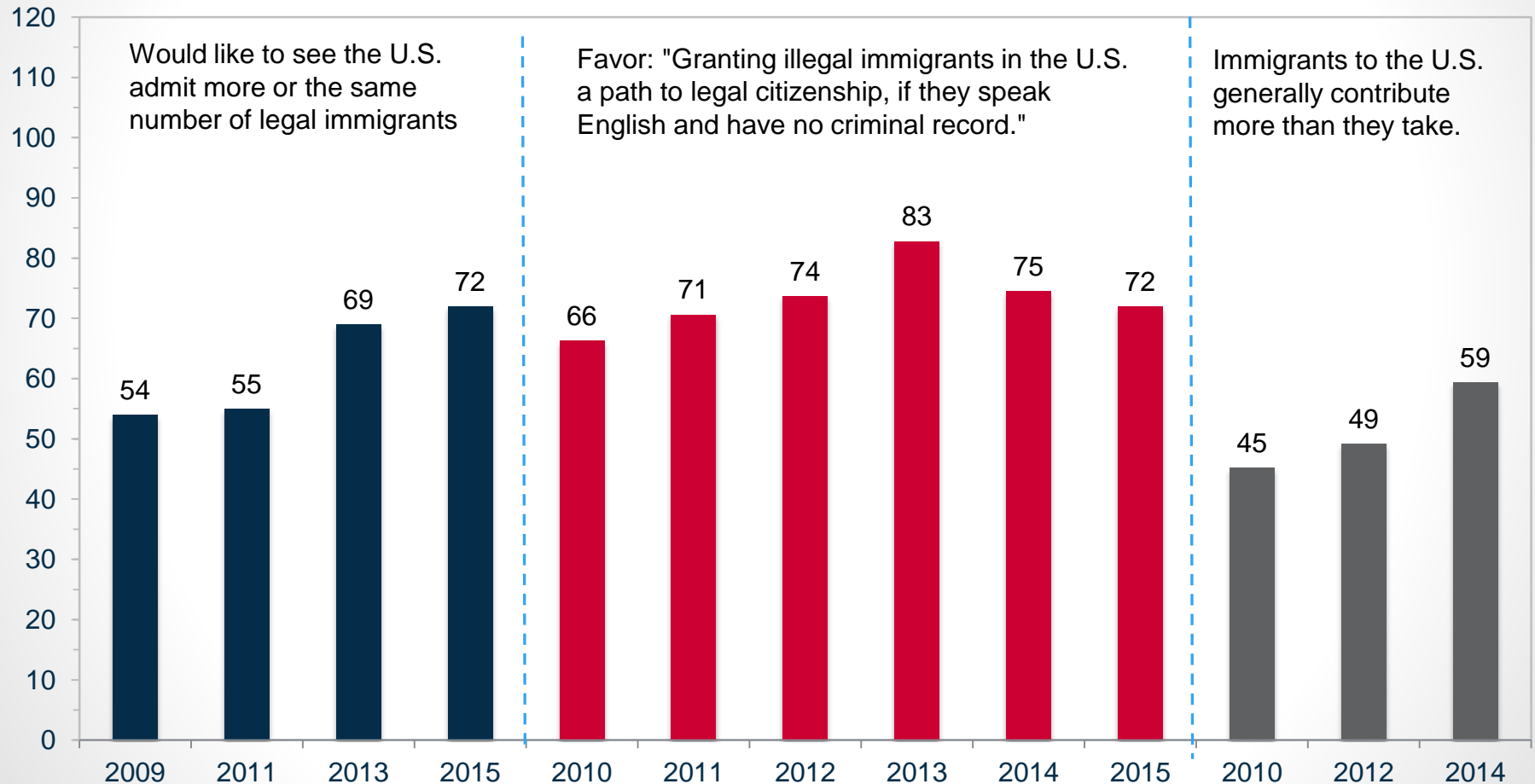
### Self and family have health insurance



### Has internet access at home or work

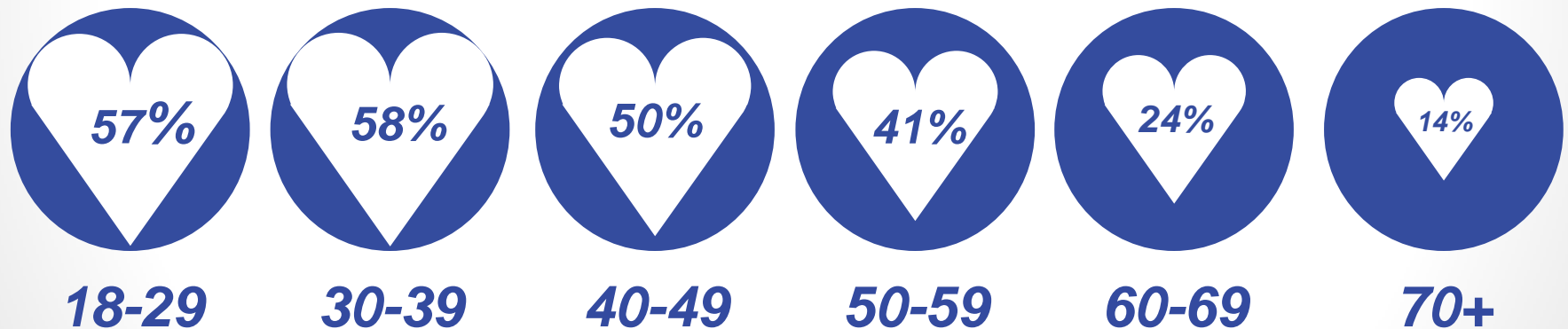


# Attitudes toward immigration among successive representative samples of Harris County residents (2009-2015)



# Interethnic romantic relationships by age among Anglos (2007, 2011 and 2014 combined)

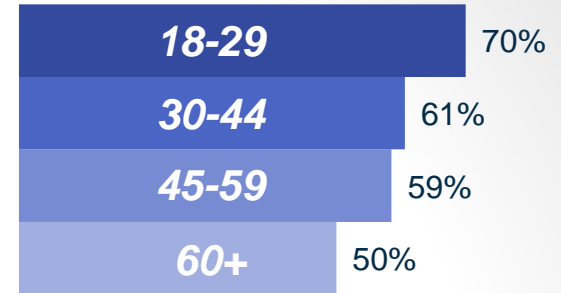
**“Have you ever been in a romantic relationship with someone who was not Anglo?”**



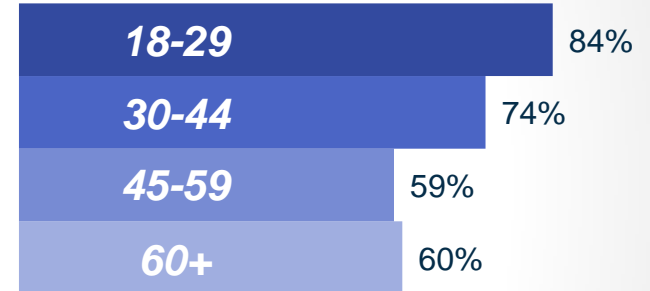
# Ethnic attitudes by age among Anglos (2007–2015, combined)

*Percent of Anglos agreeing, by age:*

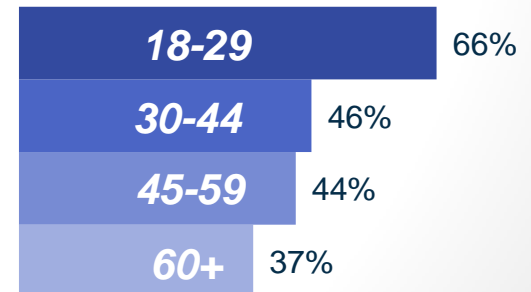
“The increasing ethnic diversity in Houston brought about by immigration is a *good thing*, rather than a bad thing.”



*Favor:* “granting illegal immigrants in the U.S. a path to legal citizenship, if they speak English and have no criminal record.”



“The increasing immigration into this country today mostly *strengthens*, rather than threatens, American culture.”









# Houston's urban sprawl

2.1 million  
600 sq. mi.

Baltimore

0.6 million  
81 sq. mi.

Chicago

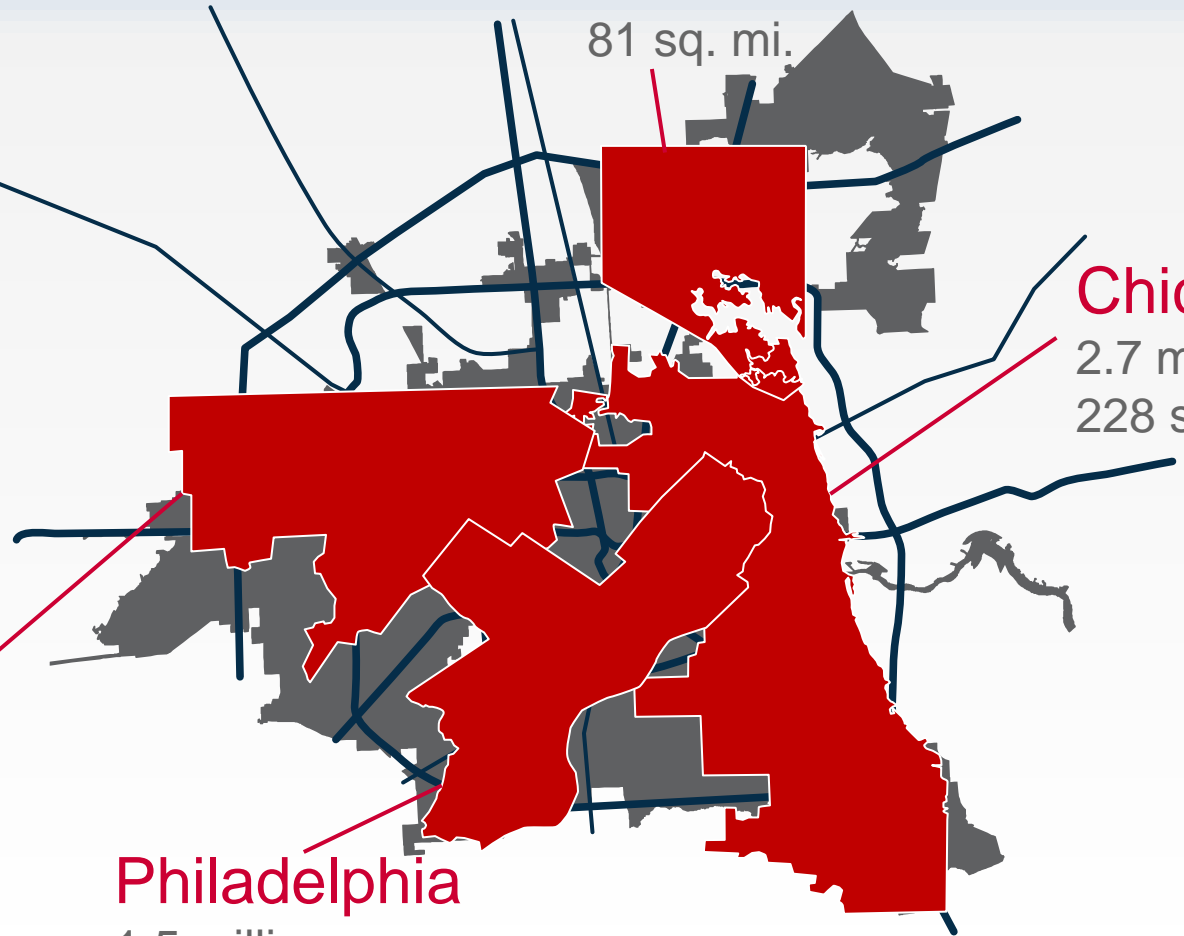
2.7 million  
228 sq. mi.

Detroit

0.7 million  
139 sq. mi.

Philadelphia

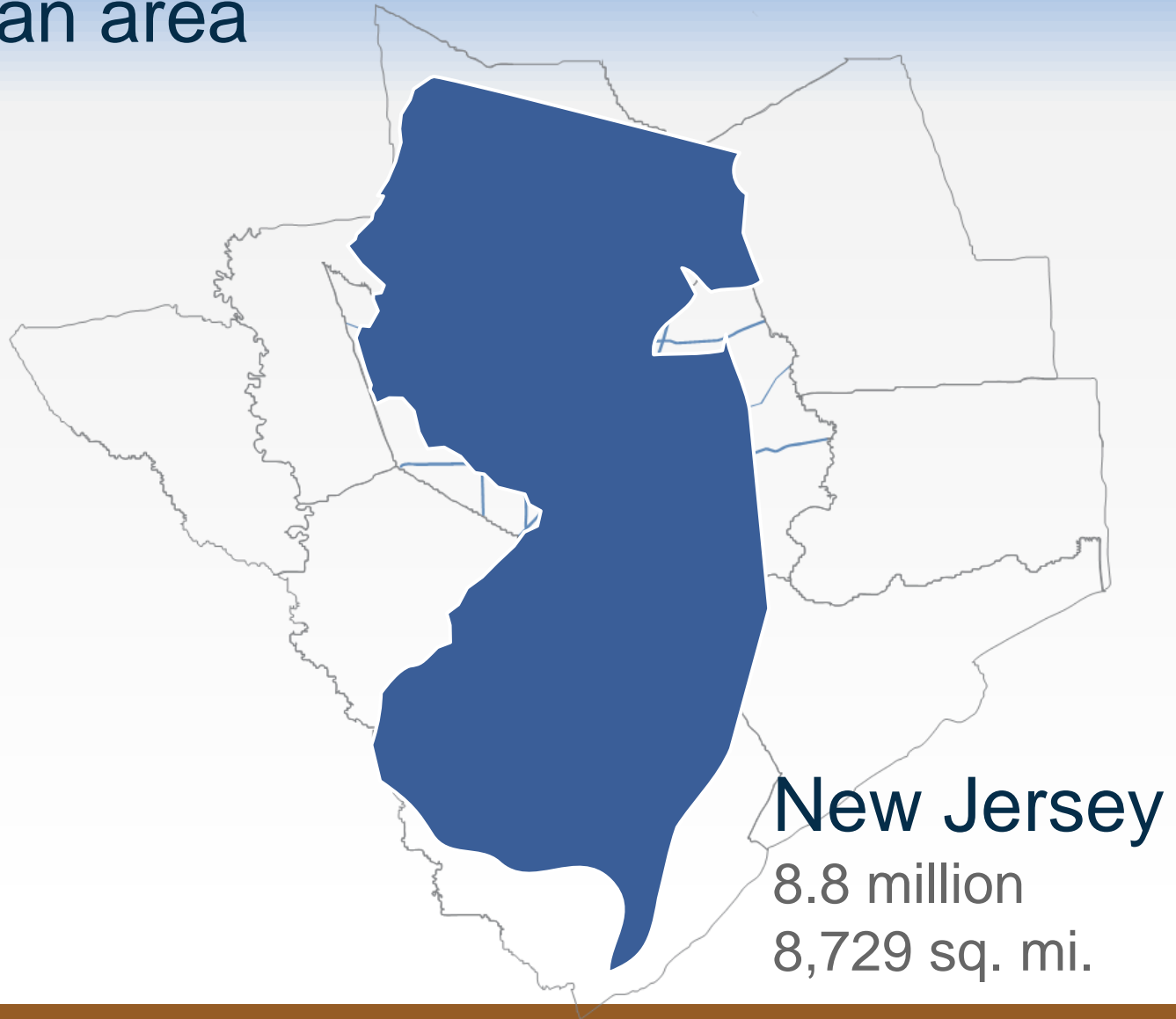
1.5 million  
134 sq. mi.



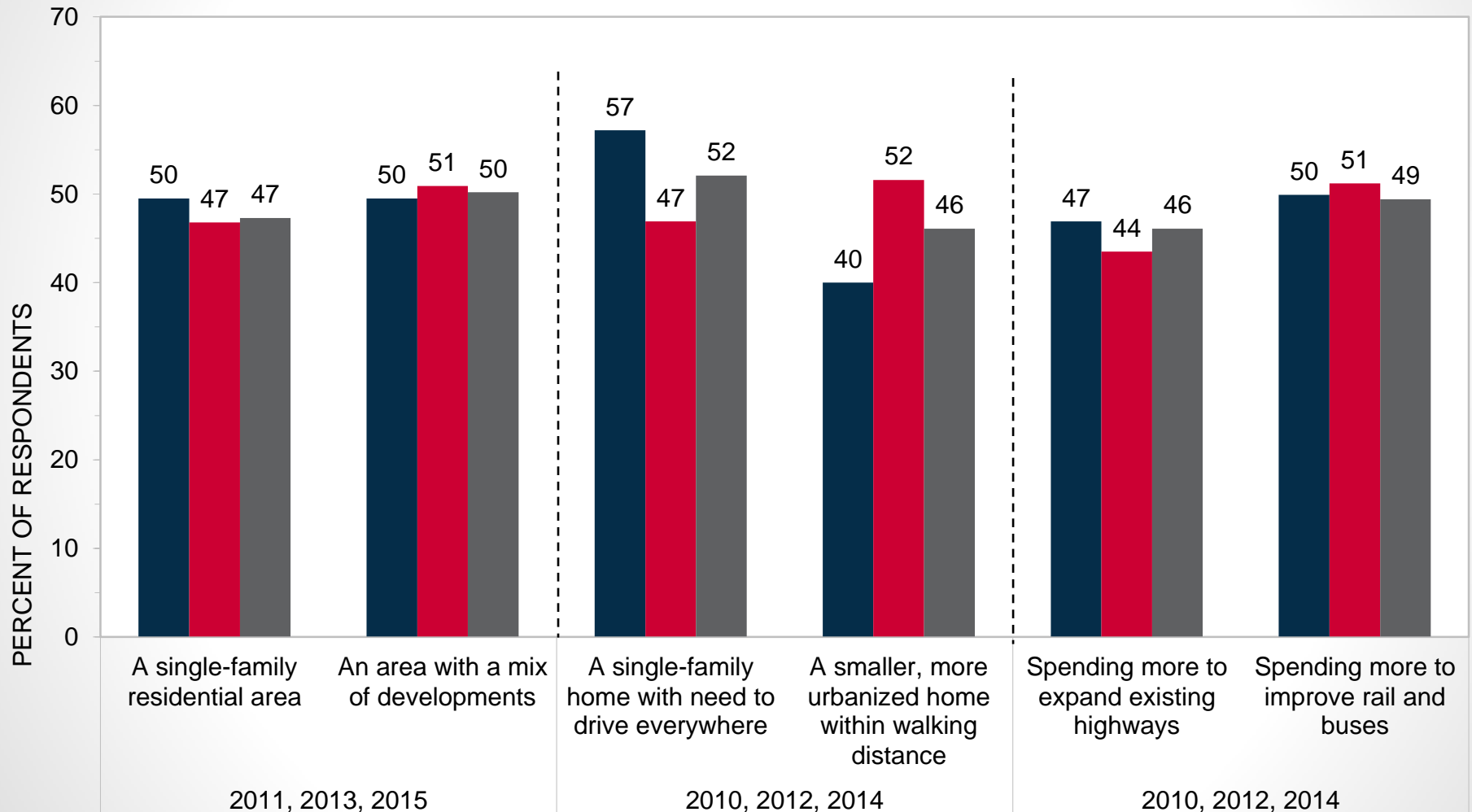


# The nine-county Houston metropolitan area

5.8 million  
9,434 sq. mi.



# The divided preference for car-centered vs. transit-oriented developments (2010-2015)





1978





2011



# Today's pro-growth agenda

The Houston region needs to develop into a truly successful multiethnic culture of a more educated society, one with equality of workforce and development, opportunity for all communities, research centers and innovation, where all are encouraged to participate as full partners in shaping the region's future.





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